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in Women's Studies

presents a Symposium

Women's Studies ::

New Approaches to Research

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Program

1:00 p.m.

Introduction:

Kay Armatage

(Associate Professor, Women's Studies
& Cinema Studies, UT), Director of
the Graduate Collaborative Program in
Women's Studies

Fabienne Baider

(Ph.D. candidate, French, UT)

"From the Classics' proto- typical 'weak woman' to the contemporary inferior social being"

*According to Hippocrates
women are characterized by a
'lymphatic temperament.' This
scientific 'prototype' is the basis
of Plato's and Aristotle's argu-
ments for considering women
to be incomplete 'beings.' These
concepts influenced the first
descriptions of women and their
social roles as depicted in
French-Latin dictionaries.
(delivered in French)*

Chantal Bertrand- Jennings

(Professor, French, UT)

"Women's Romanticism"

*Including women's voices in the
Romantic literary canon modi-
fies the traditional notion of
what Romanticism was in the
first half of nineteenth-century
France (delivered in French).*

Margot Irvine

(Ph.D. candidate, French, UT)

"The feminization of the description of artistic vocation, as exemplified in Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun's memoirs"

*The paper will show how
Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun femi-
nized the topoi that are nor-
mally found in male artist's
biographies in order to justify
her career as an artist while still
trying to respect the codes that
govern women's behavior in
early nineteenth century France.
(delivered in French)*

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.

AnneMarie Gockel

(MSW candidate, Social Work, UT)

"Changing Patterns: Developing Feminist Approaches to Addictions Treatment for Women"

*Sexism within the drug treat-
ment field has meant that
women have historically experi-
enced barriers to identifying
drug problems and to seeking
and securing effective treatment.
Due to feminist critiques more
research on women's problems
is being funded and treatment
centres are beginning to address
women's particular needs and
to dismantle the treatment
barriers women experience.
(delivered in English)*

Zahra Merali

(M.A. candidate, Philosophy, UT)

"The Case for a Feminist Theory of Adjudication: Equality, Jurisprudence, and the Self"

*To have a coherent idea of self-
identity and to alleviate oppres-
sion that leads to substantive
inequality, we need a concept
of the self that embraces self-
integrity, defined as a relational
ontology of an embodied and
embedded self. Self-integrity
can begin to redress the hierar-
chical structures that lead to
substantive inequality and to
determine the nature of the
adjudicative model that flows
from it. (delivered in English)*

Respondent:

Judith Whitehead

(Lecturer, Women's Studies, Simone
de Beauvoir Institute)

5:00 p.m.

Refreshments

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